Parish Newsletter

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Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

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Advent begins ..... next weekend!

As we enter the season of Advent, we are invited to pause, step out of the winter rush, and open our hearts to the quiet arrival of Christ Jesus. Beginning a new liturgical year invites us to watch with hope, even when the days feel short, dark and busy. Let us pray during these weeks with quiet trust and care for one another. May this Advent bring stillness, renewed faith, and warmth and light into our homes and parish family. This weekend, we highlight some opportunities for prayer and reflection. Spiritual helps which may allow us to celebrate the season of Advent with a sense of purpose and expectation, as we anticipate the birth of Christ at Christmas.

Scripture Sharing, "Pathways in Advent"

based on the Sunday Gospel:

Tuesdays after 10am Mass in the Upper Room with Fr. Michael, starting on 24th November.

Wednesdays after the 7pm Mass in the Day Chapel, Ballycane with Deacon Jody starting on 2nd December.

Advent Giving

We would like you to bring donations of non-perishable food or toiletries to Mass on **Gaudete Sunday**, which is 12th/13th December. These donations will be distributed by our NaasPoint volunteers to those in need in the local area.

Rorate Masses

We invite you to our Special Christmas Preparation Masses starting on Thursday 17th December and finishing on 24th December. These Masses will take place at the earlier time of 7am.

Deacon Alex Ignat



We are delighted to welcome Deacon Alex to Naas, Sallins and Two Mile House Parishes....

"My name is Ignat Alexandru Emanuel and I am from Romania. I am 24 years old and was ordained a deacon on 18th October 2026 by Bishop Iosif Păuleț. I have two wonderful parents and a little brother who is 13 years old. I entered the seminary at the age of 14 in 2016 and completed my studies in June this year. I enjoy doing lots of things, but what I love most is music. I will be serving as a deacon in Naas, assisting the Parish Team, until the end of May next year, when I return to Romania for my ordination to the priesthood."

Summary of the Sallins Parish Accounts 2025

Income	2025	2024
Basket Collection	€28,621	€28,124
Envelope Collection	€24,878	€36,384
Shrine Income	€9,591	€7,931
Rental Income	€3,790	€11,878
Fundraising	-	€1,010
Tax Refunds/Rebate	€10,929	€6,791
Weddings/Graves/Church Bookings	€2,700	€1,800
Other Income	-	€2,250
	€80,509	**€96,168**
Expenditure		
Admin/Services from Naas Parish Office	€8,000	€8,000
Insurance	€3,212	€3,118
Security	-	€1,350
Light and heat	€2,440	€1,195
Rates, Water, LPT Waste Collection	€412	€577
Repairs and maintenance	€3,022	€127,777
Diocesan Levy	€17,196	€17,196
Missallettes, Printing Stationery	€400	€402
Altar Shrine Requisites	€5,726	€4,180
Telephone, Broadband and Computer expenses	€2,151	€2,491
Music/Choir Expenses	€2,865	€4,737
Legal and Professional	-	€9,672
Bank/Accountancy Fees	€341	€330
Other Expenses	€2410	€2269
	€48,175	**€183,296**
Surplus of Income over Expenditure	**€32,335**	**-€87,128**

Dear Sallins Parishioners,

Thank you for your continued generous support of both our basket and envelope collections which cover our day-to-day running expenses. The high envelope collection in 2024 was due to special collection in support of the Church refurbishment and is reflected in the high expenditure for that year in the Repairs and Maintenance Category. Both of these have now returned to normal levels. The rental income includes car park income and this is held in a separate account which did not transfer across before the year end in 2025.

Tax Refund on your donations.

The Parish qualifies for this scheme and is entitled to reclaim tax at a rate of 45% on donations of more than €250 per year. Some tax refund authorisation mandates have now expired and we would be delighted if you could sign up again for another 5-year period. To take advantage of this form, you would need to donate in a traceable way, the easiest of which is through the weekly envelope boxes which will be available soon for 2027.

Expenditure:

The legal and professional fees in 2024 related to the sale of the land plot to the rear of the Parish Centre. I am pleased to report that the sale was finalised this year and our accounts for 2026 will reflect this along with the expenditure incurred for the church roof replacement and parish centre upgrade. We are also planning to upgrade the church heating system quite soon.

Thank You! Once again for your continued and generous support to our finances – it is very much appreciated.

Kieran O'Keeffe – November 2026

Sallins Parish Finance Committee: Kieran O'Keeffe (Chairperson), Mary McConnon (Secretary) Fr. Liam Morgan, Geraldine Sexton, Brian Kenny, Garrett Prendiville, Tom Cross.

Summary of Two Mile House Accounts 2025

	2025	2024
Income Received		
Basket Collection	€24,350	€20,967
Envelope/Standing Order Collection	€14,647	€16,357
Shrine Income	€3,915	€4,340
Tax Refunds/Rebate	€10,808	€12,979
Donations/Bequests	€10,000	€0
Weddings/Graves/Church Bookings	€7,002	€6,289
Income from Parish Investment Fund	€940	€918
Other Income	€100	€1,486
	€71,762	**€63,337**
Expenditure incurred		
Office support, newsletters	€7,000	€7,000
Pastoral Programme Expenses	€0	€202
Insurance	€2,975	€2,892
Security	€756	€3,548
Light and heat	€3,374	€5,150
Repairs and maintenance	€7,663	€7,343
Diocesan Levy	€4,310	€4,310
Missalettes, Printing, Stationery	€49	€279
Altar Shrine Requisites	€2,087	€1,401
Computer software, hardware and servicing costs	€1,476	€1,668
Music/Choir Expenses	€196	€0
Accountancy Fees	€244	€300
Youth and Community Expenses	€1,492	€1,685
Bank charges	€1,749	€1,697
General expenses	€3,200	€3,000
	€36,571	**€40,474**
Surplus of income over expenditure	**€35,191**	**€22,862**

To the Parishioners of Two Mile House

The Parish Finance Committee thank you, most sincerely, for your contributions to the Parish finances. The summary statement above reflects income from collections, a significant tax refund, a generous bequest and income from candles and the purchase of graves. 2025 spending was in line with previous years across the areas as shown above.

The tax refund received in 2025 was mainly the claim under the Charitable Donation Scheme, with a small refund under the VAT Compensation Scheme for Charities. Your participation in the Charitable Donation Scheme contributes a significant amount to the Parish finances each year. Contributing either by the identified envelopes or by an identifiable online contribution can increase the value of your contribution by up to 45%, provided you have given your consent by completing a certificate. If anyone wishes to join the scheme, please contact any of the Committee members listed below.

Thank you again for your support to the Parish; acknowledging both your financial contributions and the non-financial support provided by many of you in donations or in a range of jobs from collecting, counting, church cleaning and minding, sound systems and many other jobs that are done on a voluntary basis.

Maura Conneely – November 2026

Finance Committee: Maura Conneely (Chairperson), Fr Liam Morgan, Fr Michael Flattery, Art Shirran, Cathal O'Boyle, John Quinn, Marie Casey.

NaasPoint Christmas Food Appeal

Last few slots available for volunteers on **Thurs 3rd, Fri 4th and Sat 5th December**.

To volunteer please contact Naas Parish Office, Sallins Road, Naas, in person, or call 045 879 730 or email office@naasparish.net.

Thank you to everyone who gives their time or donates food.

NAASPOINT

CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR



ARTS ★ CRAFTS ★ GIFTS
+ MUCH MORE

McAuley Place

SATURDAY 28TH NOVEMBER
10AM – 4PM
FREE ADMISSION



Ballycane Choir Concert Today

We will hold our annual Concert today Sunday 22nd Nov from 6.30pm to 8pm in Ballycane Church. We will perform songs & hymns we love to sing throughout the year. Admission free. Donations welcome.

The Sallins Sunshine Club Annual Christmas Party

Sunday 29th Nov. in the Westgrove Hotel, Clane at 2pm. The Club welcomes Senior Citizens, Retirees, and those living alone, from the Sallins area, to join us in an afternoon of food, music and fun. If you, or someone you know would like to attend the Party, contact Frances at 086-7927770 before 25th Nov. A complimentary bus will leave the Square (Gala) in Sallins for Clane on Sun. 29th at 1.30pm and return to Sallins, from Clane, after the Party.

The Holy Mass

Continue our journey into the Mass, exploring the Gospel and the Homily/Sermon discovering how this gets us into a deeper understanding about Christ, Our Lord.

Come and find out more, join us on Tuesday 24th Nov. in Ballycane at 7.15pm.

Stay for biscuits and a cup of tea/coffee.

Advent Collection will be taken up at all Masses in Naas and Sallins next weekend in support of the Priests of the Parish. ***We thank you as always for your generous support.***

LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTIONS

Naas: Development Fund: €3,560 Offertory: €2,630
Online Donations (12th – 18th Nov): €564
Tap & Go (12th – 18th Nov): €766
Sallins: Envelopes: €515 Baskets: €570
TMH: €1,375



"Those who die in grace, go but to God, and God is very near"
Joseph Kennedy, Harbourview, Sallins
May he Rest in Peace

Lost: a gold watch possibly near Our Lady's place. If found please contact the Parish Office 045 879 730

Naas Parish Shops

A wide selection of **Christmas Mass Bouquets** now available from the shops on the Sallins Road and at Ballycane Church.

We also stock a festive assortment of **Christmas Cards, Diaries, Calendars, Advent Calendars and Candles, Cribs, Christmas Rosaries, Decorations, Children's Books, and much more!**

Don't miss our great deal on Christmas Stamps!

Recent Baptisms



Tommy Treacy
Sadie Carey
Áine Dooley
Lily Gannon
Sadhbh Ní Chuinneagáin
Lily O'Brien
Tom Kearney

Naas Parish Weekly Lotto Draw

There was no winner of the €7,900 Jackpot on 18th November 2026

Numbers Drawn were: 19-11-2-3

Lucky Dip winners were: P. Waldron, M. Deegan, J. Higgins, P. O'Flaherty

You could win the Jackpot of €8,150 on Wednesday 25th November

Thank you for your support.